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VIP TRAVEL

¶1. (SBU) EU High Representative Ashton and Crisis Response Commissioner Kristalina Georgieva will travel to Haiti February 28. (TF1/EUR/ERA e-mail)

¶2. (U) Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mullen met with Haitian President Preval and Prime Minister Bellerive February 26 and said the United States is prepared to keep troops in Haiti so long as security for the relief effort is needed. (AP)

AMERICAN CITIZEN ISSUES

¶3. (U) Two U.S. missionaries will remain jailed through at least March 2 while a judge hears testimony that is expected to clear them of child kidnapping charges. (AP)

¶4. (SBU) Since January 12, 790 Haitian orphans have entered the United States. Of those, 45 entered on immigrant visas and the rest were granted humanitarian parole. Additionally, approximately 70 other orphans have been granted humanitarian parole, but have not yet traveled to the United States. (Ops/DHS e-mail)

¶5. (SBU) Nonimmigrant visa operations at Embassy Port-au-Prince have been suspended since the earthquake and have not yet restarted. Immigrant visa operations resumed February 3. Since January 13, Embassy Port-au-Prince has issued 1272 immigrant visas. (Ops/DHS e-mail)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶6. (SBU) Despite the loss of workers and limited access to basic resources, including electricity, many garment factories have re-opened. (Port-au-Prince 206)

¶7. (SBU) The World Food Program plans to commence a second phase of food assistance operations in Port-au-Prince on March 1. Assorted commodities are to be distributed for 30 days and a two-week rice ration will also be provided. MINUSTAH is expected to provide all the security forces for Phase II distribution efforts. (OSD Executive Summary)

¶8. (U) Media report USAID-imported rice is undercutting prices of locally grown rice on the Haitian market. (AP)

¶9. (U) Relief officials have changed tack and are urging Haiti's earthquake homeless to return to their destroyed neighborhoods as the rainy season fast approaches. (AP)

¶10. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at:
http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶11. (U) Minimize considered.
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